

Colonel John P. Petkosek

Commander, U.S. Army Asymmetric Warfare Group, Fort Meade, MD

Colonel John Petkosek was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1988 from the ROTC program at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

He began his service in the Republic of Korea where he served as a 4.2 Inch Mortar platoon Leader and as a Combat Support Company Executive Officer in 2-503rd Infantry and as a Rifle Platoon Leader in 1-506th Infantry. He then served for two years at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas as a Rifle Platoon Leader in 1-509th Infantry (Airborne) and as an Operations Officer in HQ, JRTC.

COL Petkosek was then assigned to 2-16th Infantry, Fort Riley, Kansas where he served as the Battalion Maintenance Officer and as a Company Commander. He subsequently served at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in the 9th Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne) as a Tactical Psychological Operations Detachment Commander and as a Product Development Detachment Commander.

In 2001, COL Petkosek was assigned to Germany where he served as the Chief of Plans and Operations for the Grafenwoehr Training Area. He was then assigned to 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany where he served as the Battalion Operations Officer for 1-63rd Armor Regiment, as the Battalion Executive Officer for 2-2nd Infantry Regiment and as the Brigade Executive Officer. After serving for a year as the Secretary of the General Staff for the 1st Infantry Division in Wurzburg, Germany, Colonel Petkosek was assigned to serve as the Professor of Military Science at the University of Guam.

From 2007-2010, Colonel Petkosek commanded 2-14th Infantry, 2nd BCT, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York. Following command he was assigned to the Pentagon where he served as the Military Assistant and later Chief of Initiatives Group for the Secretary of the Army. Most recently he attended Senior Service College at The Royal College of Defence Studies, London, England.

COL Petkosek holds a BA in Political Science from The Citadel and a MS in International Relations from Troy State University. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, Civil Affairs and the Psychological Operations Courses.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (1 SLC), The National Defense Service Medal (2BSS), The Iraqi Campaign Medal (3BSS), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation (2OLC), the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Air Assault Badge, and the Senior Parachutist Badge.

COL Petkosek is married to the former Patricia Willison from, Hawaii. They have one child, Elizabeth.